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Identical letters dated 1 February 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that on Sunday, 31 January 2010, at 13.45 p.m., an Israeli patrol entered the Lebanese territory in the area of Bastra Farms on the outskirts of Kfarshouba village and kidnapped Rabih Mohammed Zahra, a Lebanese citizen born in 1992.

The kidnapping of a Lebanese citizen from Lebanese territory and his detention constitute not only a blatant breach of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) but also a flagrant violation of Lebanon's sovereignty.

The fact that Mr. Zahra was badly beaten during his detention demonstrates once again Israel's total disrespect for international law and international humanitarian law.

I kindly request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 15. I have submitted an identical letter to the President of the Security Council, requesting circulation as an official document of the Security Council as well.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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